

MINUTES OF THE WASATCH COUNTY HEALTH BOARD

August 5, 1975

12:15 P.M.

Flying Vee Cafe

Present were: Health Director, Dr. R. Raymond Green; Sanitarian, Steve Jenkins; Member, NaDene Probst; Chairman, Dr. John C. Prince; Member, Gilbert Olsen; Secretary, Nelda Duke; Commissioners, Leland Ivers, Thomas Baum, and Harold Smith; Mervin Reid and William Quigley of the State Health Department; Guest, John Serfustini. Maren Durtschi and Supt. Merkley were excused.

Strawberry: Commissioner Smith stated the purpose of this meeting is to find out how much help our board can expect from the State Board of Health in dealing with our problems at strawberry.

Mr. Reid stated there are two different aspects involved at strawberry. (1) fishing and (2) camping. It is not the intention of the state to close the lake to fishing. However, camping facilities must be brought up to standards. In the past the Strawberry Water Users have not wanted to spend money to improve facilities for only 5 to 7 years. It is the feeling of the state that seven years is ample time to install and pay for a sewage system. If Strawberry Water Users cannot provide these overnight facilities then overnight camping must be stopped. People can still use the lake for day fishing but must leave the area at night.

Commissioner Baum stated the Bureau of Reclamation at Soldier Creek is willing to install these facilities for a seven year period.

Attorney General Quigley stated the Strawberry Water Users are in violation of two counts (1) waste disposal and (2) water pollution.

County Attorney Call stated we can seek an injunction on both counts and close lake until Strawberry Water Users are able to meet requirements.

Attorney Quigley stated the county is responsible for closing but state will cooperate and help in every way possible.

After much discussion it was the conclusion of the members present to have Dr. Olsen issue an order to Strawberry Water Users to correct their problems immediately. If these are not done Mr. Olsen will contact attorney Call and we will issue a closure to all overnight camping at the Strawberry Area.

Mr. Reid pledged his support and the support of the State Health Department in helping us solve the problems at strawberry.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Residents told to boil water

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Water contamination in six Utah communities has made it necessary for residents to boil water for human consumption.

In Charleston, Wasatch County, residents were warned in a telephone campaign Monday to boil drinking water due to a rise in the coliform index.

John Smith
Richard C. Hansen, assistant director, Bureau of Water Quality, Utah State Division of Health, said bacteria counts in the water coming from a well and spring serving the town may have risen due to a dead animal.

Lines have been flushed and chlorine added to the water to coat the bacteria.

Other communities currently required to boil water are Myton, Duchesne County, which has been under a boil order since March, 1973; Wendover, Tooele County, Aug. 4, 1975; Huntsville, Weber County, March 6; Plymouth and Fielding, Box Elder County, both Feb. 4.

Hansen said he expects the order to be lifted soon at Wendover.

Residents at Stardust Inn and Hitching Post Mobile Home Park in Heber City also are boiling water for consumption. Their water source is not part of the Heber City supply.

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Dear Sir:

On July 25, 1975, we stopped at the Hub Cafe on Highway 89 for lunch. I ordered a hamburger which came with coleslaw, and while eating the slaw, I found part of a fly in it. The waitress brought me another dinner, but of course my appetite was gone.

When I mentioned this incident to others in my family who live throughout Utah, they each indicated that one stop at that cafe in the past had been enough for them.

The Hub is very deceiving from the outside. It looks modern, spacious and clean, and with the connecting gas station, is just what travelers like us are looking for. When we entered the cafe and were waiting for our dinner to arrive, we noticed an excessive number of flies inside and I also noticed tufts of dust on the floor behind furniture. The carpeting (?) was very dirty. I could go on and on, but you surely understand what I am talking about.

Is this cafe ever inspected? If it is not expected to maintain certain standards, a sign should be posted at the entryway advising innocent customers. We passed through Heber City four times on this trip, and I can assure you that we will never eat in another restaurant in your town. Also, I am LDS and members of the church from this area go back to Utah frequently, and I will advise them of my experience in your town and leave it to their discretion as to whether they want to gamble on eating there.

The cleanup at traverry

HEALING — State and county officials agreed that private forces to clean up the trail camp owned by Strawbery Reservoir to improve sanitation facilities.

The cleanup at least two stations against water pollution and water quality standards. Gen. Atty. Gen. C. M. Quigley told commissioners of Health and Human Resources.

Mervin F. Red said the health division is investigating the contamination of the sites caused by the "obvious" Red County Attorney said that the division is providing evidence to the District Court in the case.

Red said the camps should be closed that the reservoir remain open to day fishing. He said that since the camps are the source of pollution, action should be taken against camp owners only.

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The cleanup at Strawberry

HEBER CITY — State and Wasatch County officials have joined forces to pressure trailer camp owners at Strawberry Reservoir to improve sanitation facilities.

The camps violate at least two state ordinances against waste disposal and water pollution, Assistant Atty. Gen. William C. Quigley told county commissioners, Board of Health and State Division of Health representatives.

Mervin Reid of the health division said the contamination threat caused by poor sanitation is "obvious." Reid promised County Attorney J. Harold Call that the division would provide evidence to the 4th District Court if the county seeks an injunction to close the camps.

Reid said the trailer camps should be closed but that the reservoir should remain open to day fishing. He said that since the camps are the source of pollution, action should be taken against camp owners only.

The county's attorney, commissioners and Board

of Health all agreed that the camps should be closed if they don't comply with health codes.

Quigley advised the county to get an injunction to close the camps if they aren't cleaned up in a "reasonable amount of time." Officials agreed the sites should pass inspection before summer's end.

The plan of action, as agreed by the agencies, is to have Reid's office advise the county attorney in writing that the campsites are a health hazard. The attorney will then seek an injunction with the full support of the state attorney general.

Should the court grant the injunction, the county health department and sheriff's office will have to enforce it.

High reservoir water flooded the campsites in June dramatizing the sanitation practices water quality specialists have called "deplorable."

The flood inundated outdoor toilets. Some toilets were simple 5-gallon drums buried in the ground.